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Note verbale dated 13 August 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to request the admission of Côte d'Ivoire to membership of the Executive Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Côte d'Ivoire's interest in the question of refugees has been demonstrated when it became the receiving country for Liberian refugees in its territory, without the establishment of any camps, and by the care which it alone provided for them for three years before the assistance of the international community became available. In addition, Côte d'Ivoire has repeatedly been requested to take in refugees from various regions of Africa.

Côte d'Ivoire is convinced that its admission to membership in the Executive Committee will be a constructive contribution to the search for solutions to refugee problems.

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